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1. Prior to early August 1951, two Polish motorized units were quartered at barracks installations southeast of Krasinski Street and on each side of Przasnyska Street in the Powazki suburb in Warsaw. [redacted] the units were regiments. One unit wore yellow cap ribbons while the other had red cap ribbons. [redacted] three-axle Chevrolet and ZIS-type trucks and no weapons at the installation. The red-service-color unit trucked convicts over long distances to construction sites. [redacted] this unit also detailed trucks for other units in Warsaw.¹

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2. Since the end of 1949, a Polish unit wearing yellow service color was billeted in a new barracks installation on the west bank of the Vistula River northwest of the Most Slansko Bridge. The installation fronted on the Wybrzeze Gdanskie, Rybaki and Bugaj Streets. No details were available.²
3. Prior to August 1951, a large ration supply depot for units of the Kosciuszko Division and KBW units quartered at the barracks installation east of Lazienki Park in Warsaw was in the Traugutta Fort in the north section of the town, about 500 meters southeast of the Danzig Railroad Station.³

4. Prior to August 1951, a KBW unit was quartered in a large barracks installation on the east side of Lazienki Park. [redacted]

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[redacted] the KBW units quartered in this barracks installation and the two barracks installations north of it, had a strength of at least 3,000 men. These units were detailed as honor guards for the reception of foreign diplomats. They also furnished sentries for the residence of the State President and the building of the Ministry of National Defense. Intensive construction work was under way in this barracks installation which fronted on Podchorazych, Zwierzyniecka and 29-go Listopada Streets. An area, about 100 meters long, of Lazienki Park was made part of the installation, while a number of old buildings was razed. Six new large buildings were completed while excavation work for four large buildings was under way. [redacted] an old barracks installation south of Podchorazych Street and bordered by the Sielecka, Badowska and Iwizka Streets, would also be razed and would be replaced by new buildings and made part of the barracks installation north of it.⁴

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5. Another KBW unit was billeted in a barracks installation north of 29-go Listopada and fronting on Czerniakowska and Szwolezerow. A mounted KBW unit of company strength and numerous horse-drawn vehicles were seen in this installation. A large number of vehicles shuttled between this installation and an installation located farther south.⁴

6. Other KBW units were billeted in the south and west sections of the barracks installation which was located north of Szwolezerow Street and was bordered by Rozbrat and Czerniakowska Streets and the SP stadium. A Polish labor service unit of about 600 women was quartered in the north section of this installation which was separated by a low wooden fence.⁴

7. Other units of the women's labor service were billeted in a building adjoining Stawka, Miska and Pokowa Streets and located about 600 meters south of the Danzig railroad station. [redacted] three or four battalions were quartered there.

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8. [redacted]
[redacted] the troops of the Kosciuszko Division wore yellow service color prior to February 1952. The officer candidates of this division continued to wear this service color while attending military schools.⁵

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1. [redacted] Comment. This is the first report on units quartered in these two barracks installations. The unit wearing red service color presumably was a motor transport unit which possibly was subordinate to the 1st MB. The unit wearing yellow cap bands, which also may have been a motor transport unit, probably belongs to the 1st Kosciuszko Division.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The location of this barracks installation was previously reported. The unit billeted there is believed to belong to the 1st Kosciuszko Division.

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3. [redacted] Comment. This information confirms previous information that the old Traugutta Fort is used as a large ration supply depot. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. This information confirms previous information that large KBW units are billeted in the barracks installations east of Lazienki Park. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. Information on the yellow service color of the Kosciuszko Division was confirmed [redacted] However, the situation is still unclear. This service color was reported from almost all parts of Poland.

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